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Expository

Concept Questions:

What is an octopus?

(3-2-1-0)

Why does an animal attack another animal?

(3-2-1-0)

What are animal defenses?

(3-2-1-0)

What is animal camouflage?

(3-2-1-0)

Score: _____ /12 = _____ %

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Prediction:

"The Octopus"

Some people think of the octopus as a giant creature. They have seen this in science fiction movies. They think the octopus is a mean creature who

attacks people and other animals. The octopus is really a shy animal. It is usually quite small.

The octopus has eight arms. Its name tells us this because "octo" means eight. The octopus uses its arms to walk on the ocean floor. Its arms are also used to capture crabs. Crabs are its favorite food. The octopus bites into the crab with its strong beak. This sends poison into the crab's body.

The octopus protects itself in three ways. First, when frightened, the octopus can push water from its body in a powerful stream. This action pushes the octopus forward very rapidly. This allows it to escape.

Second, the body of the octopus has a special sac or pouch that holds a dark, ink-like fluid. When an enemy comes close, the octopus squirts some of this fluid. It then swims away. All that the predator sees is a dark cloud in the water where the octopus was. Meanwhile, the octopus has escaped.

Finally, the octopus's body changes color when the octopus is excited or frightened. Suppose an octopus sees a crab. Patches of pink, purple, or blue will appear on the octopus's skin. Suppose the octopus sees an enemy. The octopus will completely change color. Then it seems to disappear into the background of its hiding place. It is hard for the predator to find the octopus. (254 words)

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Number of Total Miscues

(Total Accuracy): _____

Number of Meaning-Change Miscues

(Total Acceptability): _____

**Total
Accuracy**

**Total
Acceptability**

0–6 miscues _____ Independent _____ 0–6 miscues

7–26 miscues _____ Instructional _____ 7–13 miscues

27+ miscues _____ Frustration _____ 14+ miscues

Rate: $254 \times 60 = 15,240 /$ _____ seconds = _____ WPM

Correct WPM: $(254 - \text{_____ errors}) \times 60 =$
_____ / _____ seconds = _____ CWPM

Retelling Scoring Sheet for "The Octopus"

Main Idea

- _____ Some people think
- _____ the octopus is a giant creature
- _____ and a mean creature.
- _____ They have seen this
- _____ in movies
- _____ science fiction movies.
- _____ The octopus is shy
- _____ and small.

Details

- _____ The octopus has eight arms.
- _____ Octo means "eight."
- _____ It uses its arms
- _____ to walk
- _____ and capture crabs.
- _____ Crabs are its food
- _____ its favorite food.
- _____ The octopus bites
- _____ into the crab.
- _____ This sends poison
- _____ into the crab's body.
- _____ The octopus protects itself
- _____ in three ways.
- _____ First,

- _____ when frightened,
- _____ the octopus can push water
- _____ from its body.
- _____ This action pushes the octopus
- _____ forward
- _____ very rapidly.
- _____ This allows it
- _____ to escape.
- _____ Second,
- _____ the octopus has a sac
- _____ that holds a liquid
- _____ an ink-like liquid.
- _____ When an enemy comes close,
- _____ the octopus squirts fluid.
- _____ It swims away.
- _____ The predator sees a cloud
- _____ a dark cloud.
- _____ The octopus has escaped.
- _____ Finally,
- _____ the octopus changes color
- _____ when it is excited
- _____ or scared.
- _____ Suppose the octopus sees a crab.
- _____ Pink patches,
- _____ purple patches,
- _____ or blue patches
- _____ appear.
- _____ If the octopus sees an enemy,
- _____ the octopus will change color
- _____ completely.
- _____ It seems to disappear
- _____ into the background.

54 Ideas

Number of ideas recalled _____

Other ideas recalled, including inferences:

Questions for "The Octopus"

1. What is this passage mainly about?
Implicit: what the octopus is like; *or* how it behaves

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2. What is the favorite food of the octopus?
Explicit: crabs

3. How does the octopus move forward very rapidly when it is frightened?
Explicit: it pushes water from its body

4. What does the ink-like fluid do to the water?
Explicit: it changes it into a dark cloud

5. What is one color that an octopus can change to?
Explicit: pink; purple; *or* blue

6. Why doesn't an octopus completely change color when it sees a crab?
Implicit: it is excited, not frightened

7. What color does an octopus probably become when it sees an enemy?
Implicit: a dark blue or brown or black; *or* it camouflages itself with the background

8. Why might the shy octopus attack another creature?
Implicit: for food

Without Look-Backs

Number Correct Explicit: ____

Number Correct Implicit: ____

Total: ____

____ Independent: 8 correct

____ Instructional: 6–7 correct

____ Frustration: 0–5 correct

With Look-Backs

Number Correct Explicit: ____

Number Correct Implicit: ____

Total: ____

____ Independent: 8 correct

____ Instructional: 6–7 correct

____ Frustration: 0–5 correct